GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Higher Education - Private Unaided Degree Colleges functioning in leased/rented buildings– Certain Directions to APSCHE - Orders – Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION [CE] DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.67

Dated: 24/05/2023
Read the following:

1.The Andhra Pradesh Education Act, 1982.
2.G.O.Ms.No.36, Higher Education (CE) Department, dt:15.07.2021.
3.G.O.Rt.No.118, Higher Education (CE) Department, dt:27.08.2021.
4.G.O.Rt.No.112, Higher Education (CE) Department, dt:12.07.2022.
5.From the Secretary, APSCHE, Lr.Rc.No.APSCHE/AC/PUDC/A 10 leased/ 2023-24, Dated:13.04.2023

ORDER:

The G.O second read above, the Government has issued the Andhra Pradesh Private Higher Educational Institutions (Establishment, Recognition, Administration and Control of Institutions) Rules, 2021, wherein as per rule 8(3), the Educational Society which is running it's college in a leased building shall not be entitled for extension of permission (EoP) after completion of ten (10) years of it's existence and shall shift it's college from leased premises to own building. If any society fails to shift it's college into own building, such college should invariably be closed.

2. Nevertheless, vide the GOs third and fourth read above, due to the prevailing conditions of lockdown and restrictions in movement due to Covid-19 pandemic in the state, the Government has accorded permission to the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE), in relaxation of Rule 8(3), to extend the permission to Private Unaided Degree Colleges for the academic years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

3. However, in the circumstances reported by the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education vide the letter fifth read above, out of 1046 Private Unaided Degree Colleges, 413 colleges are running in leased buildings for more than 10 years as on the date and invariable closure of these colleges will affect the education needs of various Mandals with loss of nearly 1.30 lakh seats across the State.

4. The Government after careful examination of the matter, to avert the impact on the education of students and to defend the interest of the student community and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 100 of the AP Education Act, 1982, hereby direct the APSCHE to take action on the following points:-

A.To consider the applications of Private Unaided Degree College functioning in leased / rented buildings for annual extension of permission in relaxation of Rule 8(3) for the Academic Years 2023- 24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 as a final opportunity and pass appropriate orders year-on-year, subject to compliance with other rules in vogue.

B.To work out a detailed methodology for continuous monitoring of shifting of all the Private Unaided Degree Colleges from leased / rented buildings to permanent accommodation by 31.12.2025 as per the concerned UGC (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) Regulations 2009 and the observations of Hon'ble High Court in its judgment as reported in 2004 (6) ALT 354 in the matter and to submit quarterly report to Government in the matter.

P.T.O

C. To actively discourage the requests of the colleges and others for any further extension or relaxation in this matter henceforth.

5. The Secretary, APSCHE, shall take immediate necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J. SYAMALA RAO
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
The Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
The Member Secretary, APHERMC, Tadepalli.
The Chief Executive Officer, AP Centre for Financial Systems and Services, Mangalagiri, Guntur District. (To enable necessary provisions in Affiliation Portal accordingly)

Copy to:
The PS to Special Chief Secretary to CM.
The OSD to Hon'ble Min [Education].
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department.

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SECTION OFFICER